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**WEST VIRGINIA BULLETIN NO:** WV360-7-5

**SUBJECT:** PER – Employee Development

**Purpose:** To announce Ag Based Dinner Meeting Training for Farmers and Agency Employees.

**Expiration Date:** March 30, 2007

**Background.** The West Virginia University Extension Service is sponsoring a series of agriculturally-based training for farmers and agency employees.

**Explanation.** The Extension Service will hold a series of training as shown on the schedule below. This training can be beneficial to you in maintaining an understanding and awareness of the opportunities farmers have to meet their long-term goals and remain a sustainable operation. The meetings may qualify for continuing education credits for Certified Conservation Planners. The Assistant State Conservationists-Field Operations are responsible for approving course work for CEU credits. The scheduled locations and dates are as follows:

Location	Jan	Feb	March
N. Panhandle	15	12	19
Mon/Preston	16	13	20
Mineral	17	14	21
E. Panhandle	18	15	22

**Speakers**

January - Rich McConnell will present the methodology of handling cattle safely and humanely (417-327-6500).

February - Steve Boyles, OSU.ES, will speak on cattle handling facilities.

March - Pat Bowen, NRCS Assistant State Conservationist-Field Operations, will present farmland protection options (304-457-1118).



Location	Jan	Feb	March
Jackson's Mill	8	19	12
Hampshire Co.,	9	20	13
Hardy Co.	10	21	14
Pendleton Co.	11	22	15

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February - Scott Greiner, VA Tech, will present the strategies involved in selecting a herd bull (540-331-9159).

March - Pat Bowen, NRCS Assistant State Conservationist-Field Operations, will present farmland protection options (304-457-1118).

Location	Jan	Feb	March
Jackson Co.	22	26	26
Nicholas Co.	23	27	27
Greenbrier Co.	24	28	28
Monroe Co.	25	29	29

### **Speakers:**

January - Bill Bryan, WVU, will speak on grazing systems in Australia, Ireland and US, utilizing goats in grazing management. (304-293-6256x4318).

February - Dee Griffin, NSU, will speak on a subject to be determined.

March - Kevin Hinkle, FSA, will speak on opportunities provided by CREP and other programs. (304-284-4800).

Location	Jan	Feb	March
Randolph Co.	15	19	19
Pocahontas Co.	16	20	20
Mercer Co.	17	21	21

**Speakers:**

January - Gil Myers will speak on worm management in ruminants (270-324-3811).

February - Terry Hutchins, Kentucky Specialist, will speak on "Opportunities in Goat Products" (859-608-7917) (859-257-7533).

March - Ken Semmons, WVU Aqua Specialist, will speak on "Opportunities in Aquaculture and farm pond management" (304-293-6131x4211).

If you have specific questions on the dinner meetings and training, please contact your County Extension Service Agent.

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